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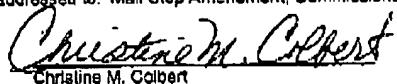
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicant is submitting this Second Reply to the Non-Final Office Action, dated December 6, 2005, and a Declaration Under C.F.R. § 1.132 in the above-identified patent application, as discussed with Examiner Afremova. The Second Reply and the Declaration Under C.F.R. § 1.132 are discussed in the Remarks section.

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